

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for learning a structure of a video to detect events in the video consistent with the structure, comprising:

- selecting sets of features from the video;
- updating a hierarchical ~~statistical~~ hidden Markov model for each set of features;
- evaluating an information gain of the hierarchical ~~statistical~~ hidden Markov model;
- filtering redundant features;
- updating the hierarchical ~~statistical~~ hidden Markov model based on the filtered features;
- applying a Bayesian information criteria to each hierarchical hidden Markov model and feature set pair; and
- rank ordering the hierarchical hidden Markov model and feature set pairs to learn the structure and detect the events in the video in an unsupervised manner.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, in which the hierarchical statistical model uses Gaussian mixtures.

3. (canceled)

- 1 4. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, in which states of
2 events in the video are modeled as low-level hidden Markov models in the
3 hierarchical hidden Markov model, and the events are modeled as a high-
4 level Markov chain in the hierarchical hidden Markov model.
- 1 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which the features include
2 dominant color ratios, motion intensity, ~~a least-square estimates~~ least-square
3 estimates of camera translation, audio volume, spectral roll-off, low-band
4 energy, high-band energy, zero-crossing rate (ZCR).
- 1 6. (original) The method of claim 1, in which the features are filtered with a
2 Markov blanket.
- 1 7. (original) The method of claim 1, in which the evaluating is performed
2 using expectation maximization and a Markov chain Monte Carlo method.